

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 48, 49, 51, 54-84, 87-120, and 123-146 are deemed allowable.

Double Patenting

Claims 51-53, 55-68, 70-89, 91-104, and 106-123 are rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting ("ODP") over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent #6,645,463. In the interest of expediting prosecution and without commenting on the merits of the rejection, Applicants file herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) over U.S. Patent #6,645,463. Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Withdrawn Rejections

Applicants wish to thank Examiner for his kind consideration of Applicants' February 27th, 2008 and July 28th, 2008 remarks and withdrawal of the enablement and obviousness rejections.

Rejoinder

While Applicants are appreciative of Examiner's rejoinder of Claims 48-49, these claims are canceled herein to expedite prosecution of the present case towards allowance. Applicants however reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation or divisional filing.

CONCLUSION

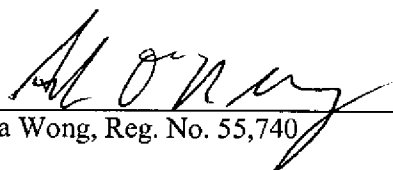
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1490 (direct line) in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 066254-5003-US01).

Respectfully submitted,

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